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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

It is fast coming to the point that a man will secure employment and receive recognition on what he really can do and not on what he proposes to do. This idea has taken definite shape in Georgia. A bill has been prepared to be offered to the Legislature to prevent the issuance of architects' certificates to persons "who are not sufficiently prepared for doing architectural work." The bill provides that a commission shall be appointed consisting of five men of standing and ability who shall pass upon the applications of those who desire to enter the profession.

The eyes of this and many other nations are fixed on President elect, William McKinley, and will remain fixed upon him for some time to come. Both sides of the money question held up many promises to the people during the campaign, and "It must follow as night the day" that one side or the other should make good the promises or prove false to its pledges. It has evented in the result of the election that the Republican party must make good its promises or stand condemned before the American people for its own false pledges. Major McKinley, as the chief magistrate of the nation and the exponent of Republican principles, must needs bear all the responsibility of lifting burdens from a restless and chafing people. Will he come up to the expectations of his party?

At the recent meeting of the Baptist State Convention, a resolution was offered and passed against State aid to higher education. There seemed to be very little discussion of the subject. Prof. Gore of the State University, who is a most excellent man and a staunch and loyal Baptist, opposed the resolution, not on its merits, but on the ground that as a religious body the convention ought not to pass such resolutions. He said if they wished to pass the resolutions, let them adjourn as a religious or denominational body, and assemble in meeting of citizens of the State and pass them if they saw proper. Many good Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians and others who oppose State aid as a principle will agree with Prof. Gore's position—that the opposition ought to come from assembled bodies of citizens rather than from religious bodies.

Li Hung Chang's recent visit to this country brought the great Chinese statesman prominently before the minds of the American people generally. Many who did not see him thought of him as a small dwarf-like Chinaman with no special physical attraction. It is related that at a dinner given by the French Ambassador at Peking, Li showed something of his strength as well as ignorance along certain lines. When dinner was announced the French Ambassador stepped up to Li and said, "Will your excellency take my wife out to dinner?" Li being six feet three inches and the Ambassador's wife being a tiny woman the Chinese statesman literally obeyed the Ambassador's request, and tucking the little woman under one arm carried her to dinner to her distress and the amazement of the company.

One of the most novel bets ever known, perhaps, was consummated in Wisconsin during the late campaign. Two prominent well-to-do business men who took opposite sides on the money question were each so sure of the success of his choice for President that they made the following contract, signed and recorded by a notary public: The Bryan man contracted that if McKinley should be elected he would sell out his business interests and leave the United States never to return; and the McKinley man contracted to do the same if Bryan should be elected. They signed the contract in good faith and agreed to close out by next January. Their friends protested against their course, telling them what a loss it would be to have to leave the country in the full years of prosperity, but they signed the contract all the same. There has been no bulletin of the losing man's course since the election.

WE ARE THANKFUL.

SOME THINGS WE REMEMBER.

Some Rambling Thoughts.

BY "NEMO."

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A LAYMAN'S THANKSGIVING.

Oh, great Architect of the infinite, to whom a thousand years are as a day, we ephemeral, vanishing creatures bow before Thee in quiet, humble thanks. For immeasurable space, so extensive that the most cunning devices of men turn us back defeated from all attempts to set its bounds: for the weight of our world and of all the other wondrous, unsupported, circling bodies, so ponderous that the human mind reels in computation, we thank Thee, Thou who art power.

For the accurate movement of each star, revolving in its orbit with precision indescribable; for the visible voice of the heavens, our perennial time-piece; for the inclination of the axis of our world, so cunningly devised to give comfort and advantage in the changing seasons and the broadened area of habitation, we thank Thee, Thou who art order.

Oh, thou Mechanic of the infinitesimal, who are not the least of all Thy creatures enter Thy presence with praise.

For the perfect detail in the short-lived gnat, dancing in the light of the dying day; for the structural adaptation of those creatures that escape our vision save as the eyes are aided by microscope; for the pervasiveness of life, things even that die being the sustainers of things that live; for the easiness of life, so that after all research we give up foiled in every attempt to find a natural origin for life in the tiniest atom; for all these things we thank Thee, Thou who art life.

For our own bodies, sacred because they are Thy handiwork, so brief in endurance and yet so potential because of the blessing or sorrow we pass to those who come after us; for our brains and their power to set us on the apex of all living things; for thought and its products in solid form that are seen in every direction; for the challenge to effort that comes from the elusive secrets of nature; for the power to conquer and transform this inert world beneath our feet, we thank Thee, Thou who art supreme intelligence.

Oh, thou Mind of the universe, who detect in ourselves free-will and an individual consciousness that separates us from the beasts and gives us a sense of kinship with Thee, we approach Thee with assurance.

For the protest of the human mind against the claim of any human knowledge to be final and complete; for all honest doubt that drives us steadily forward to clearer comprehension; for the great scientists who have helped to shake the dead husks from creeds and opened the eyes of their makers and preachers to a fuller religion, wherein the unity and comprehensiveness of Thy plan for onward movement, both in nature and in revelation, are more truly recognized, we thank Thee, Thou who are not far from any one of us.

For all passing away of forms and ceremonies; for the universal excretion of hollow Pharisaism, for the growing understanding that sanctity is never more to be measured by mere attendance at worship for the spiritual and material progress of our race; for Thy stately stepplings in human history, making life seem no longer a thing of chance but the possible opening notes of a grand eternal symphony, we thank Thee, Thou who dwellest not in temples made with hands.

For all sorrows that break down our self-satisfaction; for the furnace of affliction that destroys the dross and makes of the residue a golden chalice for bearing solace to our fellows; for all agony that touches us with the feeling of others' infirmities; we thank Thee, though Thou afflict us sore, bending over us as a tryer and refiner of precious things.

For all great disasters that electrify us with the feeling of brotherhood to men; for famines and pestilences that turn us for the time from the rakings of selfishness to the works of sympathy; for sudden death and its warnings that our own time is limited, we thank Thee, Thou who note the fall of the sparrow.

For all children thought of with love before birth, nourished with tender joy and welcomed to the world with holy purpose; for all mothers who comprehend the far-reaching influence of marriage; for all fathers who keep their

bodies consecrate; for the growing feeling that the family life is a sacred and fateful function; we thank Thee, Thou who art Love.

For all maiden women who with hearts of flesh sanctified to humanity seek a wider family than home can give, and go forth to cherish the sick, the bereft, the orphan; for all the helpful ministrations of those full of Divine self-denial who bury their sorrow to turn a sunshine face to the world, we thank Thee, Thou satisfier of hearts that yearn to be filled.

For the great Teacher, the Emancipator of mind, the Founder, the Center, the Secret of all that is lovely and of good report in our latter civilization; for the Moral Monarch, the Prince of Peace, before whose mild might the paganisms of Rome and of Greece shivered into fragments; for Him whose power is not shortened to tame the heart of fire, till the lion within us lieth down with the Lamb, we thank Thee, who hast made Thyself comprehensible to us in human form.

We bow in wondering awe before Thee, apparent in these Thy works both great and small, save to the fool, blinded, deaf, and unresponsive. Thou spiritual embodiment of power, order, life, intelligence, love, bear the breathings of our hearts as we sink into silence before Thee. Our voices die within us. Sustain us till we step upward from this dim mysterious sojourning place into Light.

Life at Washington.

The inauguration of a president, the selection of his Cabinet, and the seating of a new Congress—national events of the coming year—suggest the question, What are the powers and duties of these high officials? During 1897 it will be answered through the Youth's Companion, in a remarkable series of articles by Secretary Herbert, Postmaster-General Wilson, Attorney-General Harmon, Senator Lodge and Speaker Reed.

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N. Y. Dispatch.

The Texas Judge was giving the Washington Star reporter a few wild steers, so to speak, on the manners and customs of the people of his greatest and second-to-none State in the glorious galaxy of the Union, or words to that effect. And the reporter was observing at the same time how unlike the Judge was in this respect to any and all Texans he had met.

"Speaking of the tenderfeet," said the judge, with proper judicial dignity, "Hiram Hooten, who came to my country when I was a young man, was the rarest specimen I ever met up with. Hiram had a twang to his speech, a good deal like an Indian Yankee, when he first came to the country, but the Texas climate softened that of its angularities, so that at the last we did not care where he came from, and Hiram for some reason never told us. The things that Hiram did in the way of honesty were too numerous to mention, and his simplicity of character was really painful, especially when one of our citizens sold him a farm for \$500 that nobody in the country would have at any price. Hiram, however, never complained, and he managed somehow to make a living on his farm, which some of our people could not do on better ones. He had also managed somehow to have a little money in the bank, and notwithstanding his guilelessness, it was not considered safe toward the last to monkey with Hiram in a horse trade. Still, every now and then he would do a fool thing, and the next round some of our best men would be after Hiram for a chance to catch him napping in some kind of a trade and Hiram would be found wide awake.

"One day Hiram was in the Sheriff's office paying his taxes and he insisted that it wasn't justice to the taxpayers of the county that he should pay taxes on his farm, which was assessed at only \$250. He said it ought to be \$2,500 at least, and the sheriff began to think Hiram had another one of his fits, and the next thing he knew he would have to have a trustee appointed to look out for him. However, Hiram prevailed upon him to use his good influence in having the proper figure put on the farm, and Hiram was greatly comforted when he was informed that next year his taxes would be on the increased valuation. Then Hiram went off about his business, smiling, and the sheriff met him next day, and in a small horse and cattle trade Hiram came out a pair of mules ahead, and the sheriff didn't know what hurt him. But he would get it on Hiram before he had recovered from his fit in the cause of justice.

"For five or six months Hiram went along about as usual, and the neighbors didn't notice anything peculiar until he began to whitewash his barns and fences, and he must have wasted as much as \$4 improving the looks of things. Then one day a tidy sort of a man came to the Sheriff's office with Hiram, and they looked over the books, and the stranger seemed to be satisfied with what he saw and hadn't a word to say to anybody. A week later he came around again, and this time Hiram came to me to draw up the deeds and transfer the property to the stranger, the price being \$3,000 for the farm as it stood, in spot cash. It was only \$500 above the assessed valuation, and the stranger thought he was getting a snap. I never said a word, for Hiram had given me a \$50 fee and it wasn't my place to talk. A day after the new man took possession, Hiram left the county, and the stranger told the sheriff in confidence that he had known Hiram back in Indiana, and he was always considered just a little slack-twisted, and the sheriff grinned and called the attention of the stranger to the fact that Hiram Hooten had increased the taxable valuation of that farm from \$250 to \$2,500 for nothing on earth but simple justice."

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